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The Mansfield Press

Our appearance upon the scene will be a surprise to many. It is a surprise to us, however, to see a town the size of Mansfield, with as many wide awake business men, and no newspaper. For such a town to be without a newspaper is like a ship without a rudder, drifting about on unknown seas with no medium through which to make its purposes known.

We are not new in the business and await the decision of the Mansfield readers and the public in general as to whether we mean business or not.

The situation in the newspaper field here is that the people have to be shown. And on the other hand the man behind the press has to have assurance that the people want a newspaper and are willing to support it, otherwise it will be impossible to make a newspaper.

The man who runs a newspaper is not independent, in fact it depends on the people of the community as to whether the paper is wide awake to its own interests, and we are the "Man Behind" who can do the work, acting as a medium, if you will give us the work to do.

The business men of Mansfield are not divided and seem to be pulling together, which is half the battle in the making of a live wide awake business center. "A house divided against itself cannot stand."

So, a newspaper's success depends, financially on its advertisers, it cannot live without "ads." We depend on the people in the way of news and if everyone will lend a hand and tell us who is visiting at their home, or, who of their family is going away, we are sure of success in a lively newspaper.

We assure you we have charge of the newspaper and if you will lend a hand we can do much for you and your business and most assuredly the town.

W. H. PYLES, Editor.

Dairy Association Meeting.

Professor Eccles will speak on the subject of Dairying, at Seymour, Thursday October the 15th, before the Annual meeting of the Ozark Dairy Association which meets there on that date. A general attendance on the part of the association is expected and all who are interested in the upbuilding of the country along this line of industry are invited to attend.

Subscribe and Show Your Colors.

According to the new postal laws a newspaper is compelled to have a certain amount of paid up subscription in order to be admitted through the postoffice as second class matter. Then we are not allowed to send the paper to any one unless the subscription is paid. You see it is not our fault if we do not send you complimentary papers. We will be glad to do as much for you in the way of accommodations as the law allows.

According to J. B. Quigley, manager and chief engineer of the new electric road being built between Mansfield and Ava, more than eighty per cent of the grading has been finished, thirty-two per cent of the track laid and sixty-five per cent of the bridging and trustling finished. Work is being rushed to have the line completed by November. - Sunday Springfield Leader.

Wright County Teachers' Meeting

The Wright county Teachers' Association convened at Hartsville, the county seat, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, with an attendance of 107 teachers. The teachers from here were present. Eight sessions were held. This is one of the requirements of the certificate teachers that they attend three days in the term at association meeting and receive their regular salary as though they taught. Much good is derived at these association meetings, exchanging views in connection with school teaching and it is well that such requirements are afforded the teachers.

Lieutenant Governor McKinley.

Lieutenant Governor McKinley was greeted here by a large crowd on Thursday evening at 7:30 in the Opera House with the Mansfield Commercial Band. All seemed glad to see the Lieutenant as was evidenced by the applause he received when he reached the platform. Col. Neider introduced the speaker of the evening with fitting language and McKinley proceeded to present his views on the issues. He spoke almost two hours, lacking about twenty minutes. W. E. Crow, candidate for Congress in the Fourteenth district was with McKinley when he spoke at Ava in the afternoon. Mr. Crow left on the 7:20 train for other points. Mr. McKinley left today for Everton where he will speak and in the evening he will speak at Lockwood.

Put something into the home life which will make you appreciate it and make the other members of the family feel that there is "no place like home."

Land for Power Plant.

The Electric line company has purchased, quite a piece of real estate near the old Bryant Mill site for the erection of their power plant. Bryant is about six miles from Mansfield about one mile off the electric line. The company will put in a steam power plant of about 300 horse power. The machinery has already been looked after and they expect it here within two weeks so we are informed by good authority.

A Good Place For a Laundry.

According to the investigations of those interested in such things this is found to be a dandy place for the Laundry. When we have electricity for heating and ironing purposes, which we will have at our command almost, the price of electricity is so reasonable that a laundry could well afford to locate here and compete with Springfield. This is one of the little items of interest in favor of Mansfield that the outside world should know about.

Depot Contract Let Monday.

The Kansas City Ozark and Southern Electric line and Construction company have let the contract for the erection of their depot here and E. F. Burdick will do the concrete work. The building is to be of concrete and platforms are to be under shed for freight accommodations.

Large pillars under the shed are to be of concrete. It will not be a large bunglesome affair but neat and artistic sufficient for the needs of immediate passenger traffic. The freight sheds will be lengthened and enlarged as necessity demands.

The contract was let Monday and work is expected to commence as soon as small preliminaries are arranged.

Rev. Jones at the M. E. last Sunday night preached a very interesting sermon on Kissing, brought out the idea very clearly that the one who indulges in the good old way was not an old fogey by any means.

Mansfield

Mansfield is a town of about 750 or 800 population, in Wright County on the Frisco road half way between Kansas City and Memphis. Within six miles of Cedar Gap which is the highest point of altitude, in the state of Missouri. An electric line is now being built from here to Ava, the county seat of Douglas county. The grading of this road is now completed about half way, and the steel is laid over about three miles and they keep a force of men steadily intending to complete it soon. This is an enterprise by the people of this community and Ava with a little outside assistance and shows the enterprise and "get-up" composing the inhabitants of this locality. They are extremely modest and do not offer any brag but go ahead and do, which is a commendable feature.

Governor Folk Speaks Here.

Governor Folk spoke here in the Miller opera house Wednesday evening. About 525 people were assembled at seven o'clock to hear the governor. Accompanying him on the stage were J. D. Reynolds and Judge W. N. Evans, of West Plains and the Mansfield Commercial Band. Judge Evans introduced the speaker in appropriate remarks. The crowd listened very attentively for an hour and a half and were well entertained by the Governor. Folk left on the 8:42 train for Mountain Grove and other points down the line. In the afternoon Governor Folk addressed a large crowd at Hartsville.

Among those who attended the McKinley speaking here Thursday night for Governor will visit twenty-six counties, make half a hundred speeches and will travel approximately 2,000 miles in two weeks commencing last Monday with a speech at Vienna, Maries county.

Senator C. Porter Johnson.

Senator C. Porter Johnson has been booked by the State Republican Central Committee for several places and will speak here on Friday the 16th of October at 7:30 p.m. He is an eloquent and forceful speaker. Every one regardless of party affiliations should come out and hear him. By order of Committee.

Gilbert Miller who lived about two miles west of town was in town Saturday, took sick soon after returning to his home and died Wednesday, was buried Thursday afternoon at Day's Cemetery south of Cedar Gap. Mr. Miller was Deacon in the General Baptist church.

H. E. Stutholt, of Lincoln, Nebraska, an old friend of E. C. Bartlett who is working on the Electric line here, came in this morning and will probably help Mr. Bartlett out of some of his little troubles.

Dr. Will Harrison and wife left today for Douglas county on account of the sickness of her brother.

Democratic Speaking.

Hon. Thomas H. H. of Alabama has been booked by the Democratic State Central committee for several places to speak over the state and will speak at Mansfield on Thursday evening at 7 o'clock October the 15th and at Hartsville at one o'clock in the afternoon of the same day. By order of Committee.

Mrs. S. C. Harrison is on the sick list this week.

Marry See of Gasconade is visiting her grandma Margaretta Davis this week.

W. S. Cowherd, Democratic nominee for Governor will visit twenty-six counties, make half a hundred speeches and will travel approximately 2,000 miles in two weeks commencing last Monday with a speech at Vienna, Maries county.

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Fire at Hartville.

Sunday morning about 1 o'clock the alarm was sounded and it was found that the Farmers' Hotel in Hartville was on fire and that part of the building in the vicinity of Lomax Pittman's room was enveloped in flame. In a short time the Post Office, Pool's Millinery store and the Progress printing office run by Tip Music were burned.

The awful feature of the conflagration was the burning of Lomax Pittman who boarded at the hotel. He was an attorney, and a very smart lawyer of considerable ability, and it is stated that he took a very active part in the teachers' association which convened there Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Mr. Pittman at one time practiced law here in Mansfield.

Most of the pictures, maps and values in the post office were saved.

The greater part of the Millinery stock owned by Pool was also saved.

From what we can learn the plant of the printing office was saved with the exception of the press which was considerably damaged in being taken from the burning building, the press was up stairs. The printing office carried insurance of about \$300 which it is stated by good authority was the only insurance in the whole fire.

Jackson's law office was in the fire, you may say, but it being a concrete building together with the efforts of those around allying the fire the building escaped with little or no damage.

The funeral of Lomax Pittman was held in Hartville Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Judge Pittman, of Memphis, a brother of the deceased was in attendance at the funeral.

All the world is a stage and the people are the actors thereon, was the thought of an ancient sage, but it's different now, we have to be the real thing.

DIRECTORY.

Mayor, J. D. Reynolds
Police Judge, S. E. Bertram
City Marshal, Roe Stroud
City Clerk, John W. Brazel
City Attorney, N. J. Craig
N. S. Miller, City Treasurer

ALDERMAN.
N. S. Miller, James Coday,
W. H. Moore, John W. Brazel.

LODGES.

I. O. O. F. Lodge No. 146 meets on 2nd and 4th Saturday nights in each month.
George Tripp, Noble Grand.
Elbert Pope, Vice Grand.
John W. Brazel, Secretary.
James Coday, Treasurer.
REBECCA Lodge meets 1st and 3rd Wednesday nights of each month.
Mrs. J. D. Reynolds, Noble Grand.
Miss Maude Reynolds, Secretary.

M. W. A. Mansfield Camp No. 3149 meets 1st and 3rd Saturday nights of each month.
Joe W. Brazel, Consul.
Tom State, Advisor.
Henry Dennis, N. S. Miller, Clerk.
Banker

ROYAL NEIGHBORS meets every 2nd and 4th Tuesday evenings of each month.
Maggie Reynolds, Oracle.
Laura Miller, Vice Oracle.
Grace Bonnell, Recorder.
Belle Brazel, Treasurer.

A. F. and A. M. Mansfield Lodge No. 543 meets every Wednesday night on or before the full moon of each month.
J. A. Hynton, W. M.

N. N. Nichols, Secretary.
R. A. M. Mansfield Chapter meets 2nd Saturday evening of each month.
J. A. Hynton, High Priest.
N. N. Nichols, Secretary.

EASTERN STAR Mansfield Chapter No. 76 meets 1st and 3rd. Friday evenings of each month.
Mrs. Nute Miller, J. A. Hynton, Matron.
N. S. Miller, Secretary.

CHURCH.
PRESBYTERIAN services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. on Fourth Sunday in each month.
Sunday School every Sunday to J. A. Russell, Pastor.

METHODIST Church holds services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. on First and Third Sunday of each month.
Sunday School every Sunday 10 a. m. B. D. Jones, Pastor.

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